COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY COUNCIL CITY HALL - CITY OF LODI

November 2. 1949

Regular meeting, November 2, 1949, beginning at 8:00 o'clock p.m. Councilmen present: Bull, Haskell, Lytle, Tolliver and Rinn. Councilmen absent: None. Minutes of meeting of October 19, 1949, as written and copies mailed to each councilman, were approved without correction.

REPORTS OF CITY MANAGER

MATTER OF ALLEY CLOSING POSTPONED

On the request of the attorney for St. Ann's School, the matter of closing the alley between lots 2 and 3 in Block 6, Mokelumne, was postponed to a later date. Mr. A. H. Bull addressed the Council, stating that he was not opposed to closing this alley providing the school grounds were fenced on the east and south to protect the children on the playgrounds.

APPROVED RES. 1493

Specifications for a fire truck or trucks as prepared by the Chief of the Fire Department and approved by the FIRE TRUCK City Manager were submitted for the consideration of the SPECIFICATIONS City Council. On motion of Councilman Tolliver, Bull second, and carried without dissenting vote, these specifications were approved and adopted by passage of Resolution No. 1493.

DUMP TRUCK & BUS. COUPE SPECIFICATIONS APPROVED RES. 1494

Specifications for two dump trucks and two business coupes, as prepared by the Engineering Department, were approved by the adoption of Resolution No. 1494, introduced by Councilman Haskell, Lytle second and carried by unanimous vote of all members of the Council.

PENSION DISCUSSION NOV. 9

At the suggestion of Councilman Haskell, it was agreed that the Council meet as a committee-as-a-whole on Wednesday, November 9 at 7:30 p.m. for discussion of the adoption of a retirement system for City employees.

FENCE FOR BATHS POOL

It appearing that there would not be sufficient time to go through formal bid procedure in the matter of fencing the pool at the former Municipal Baths site, the City Manager was authorized to secure informal bids and have this work done to safeguard the public after the present baths building was moved from over the pool itself.

NEW P.G.& E. CONTRACT EFFECTIVE OCT. 25

The Pacific Gas & Electric Company notified the City that the new contract for the purchase of electrical energy would be effective twenty days after its approval by the Public Utilities Commission. This approval having been given on October 18, the new rates would take effect for the period beginning October 25, 1949.

A bulletin from the League of California Cities requesting endorsement of Proposition No. 3 received no action, Councilmen Bull and Haskell stating that there was no apparent civic interest sufficient to justify endorsement by the City Council.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ACTION ON COIN MACHINES DEFERRED

Representatives of Lodi Tavern Owners! Association inquired as to what action was contemplated by the City Council in the matter of petition presented by them October 19. Mayor Rinn stated the Council was procuring copies of ordinances of other cities relating to these machines and that the date on which the Council would have public discussion would be announced later.

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DEED TO EMDE AUTHORIZED An offer from George W. Emde for a 40' wide right of way along the north line of the City's 303.34 acre tract west of Mosley Road in consideration of the sum of \$500 was accepted after lengthy discussion and consideration of actions heretofore taken before the City Council. Councilman Tolliver objected to immediate action, stating that he did not believe that all details of the transaction were known to the City Council. On motion of Councilman Haskell, Bull second, the Mayor was directed to execute a deed to Mr. Emde for the sum of \$500 for the roadway and \$40 for the onequarter acre to be used as a loading chute. This approval was given by the adoption of Resolution No. 1495, passed by the following vote:

Councilmen, Haskell, Bull, Lytle and Rinn. Councilmen, None. Councilman Tolliver abstaining. AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT: Councilmen, None.

CARD AND DICE LICENSE

A card and dice license to W. A. Lorenz and L. H. McGrath at Milano Hotel, 8 South Main Street, as approved by the Chief of Police, was ordered granted. A similar license applied for by Gottlieb and Martha Kammerer doing business as Victory Cafe, 122 North Sacramento Street, was withheld on the recommendation of the Chief of Police who stated that they had no separate room for a card room and cards would have to be played in the barroom. The City Manager was authorized to grant this license if, after personal investigation, he found that the reasons for withholding were insufficient.

POLICE REPORT

The report of the Chief of Police for the month of October was read by the City Manager and ordered filed.

BILLING MACHINE PURCHASE AUTHORIZED Finance Director M. J. Dreyfuss recommended that the City purchase a National Cash Register Billing Machine at an approximate cost of \$5,400. City Manager Weller stated that the present machine was inadequate and subject to many interruptions of service due to mechanical breakdowns. He stated that Mr. Dreyfuss had made investigation of several machines suitable for utility billing and that in his estimation the National Cash Register Machine had many advantages over present equipment or that offered by other companies. On motion of Councilman Bull, Haskell second, the City Manager was authorized to purchase this equipment.

CLAIMS

Claims in the amount of \$59,485.54, as submitted by the Finance Department and approved by the City Manager, were allowed and ordered paid on motion of Councilman Lytle, Tolliver second.

FORMATION OF CITIZENS COMMITTEE

City Manager Weller addressed the Council in regard to the formation of a Citizens Committee as an advisory body in the formation of a budget for capital outlays, suggesting that the efforts of this committee be limited to specific projects and on completion of their investigation and report, that the committee be discharged. Several suggestions as to the membership of the committee were made by various councilmen. It was finally decided that the City Manager prepare an outline showing the various service clubs in the City who might suggest appointments, the remaining members of the committee to be chosen on a geographical basis.

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-STREET KING LOTS On the inquiry of Councilman Bull as to progress being made toward the acquisition of off-street parking lots, the City Manager reported that information is now being collected and a report will shortly be made to the City Council, with perhaps tentative forms for leases.

PLAINT -EDING AT H SCHOOL Councilman Haskell reported that he had received several complaints about racing in and around Lodi Union High School and asked that police be detailed at the proper times of the day to curb such speeding.

At 10:45 p.m. the City Council adjourned to and until 7:30 p.m. of Wednesday, November 9, 1949; motion Councilman Bull.

Attest: 3. BLAKELY, City Clerk

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR NOVEMBER 9,1949

Adjourned from regular meeting of November 2, 1949. Councilmen present: Bull, Haskell, Lytle, Tolliver and Mayor Rinn. Councilmen absent; None.

This adjourned regular meeting held beginning at 8:00 o'clock P.M. of Vednesday, November 9, 1949 for the purpose of discussing the possibility of pension coverage for city employees. An informal analysis of the plan proposed by City Manager Weller was undertaken.

The general pension principle was approved by the Council and the City Manager was directed to prepare a final plan, with particular reference to minimum benefits and the problem of employees now over 60 years of age.

Upon presentation of the finished proposal and the Council approval thereof, it was agreed that meetings would be held with the city employees to explain the details and determine their willingness to accept the plan.

A letter to the Council, signed by the President of the Employees' Association and indicating the interest of 80% of the employees in retirement benefits was read.

At 10:15 P.M. the City Council adjourned on motion of Councilmen Tolliver.

J. F. BLAKELY

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